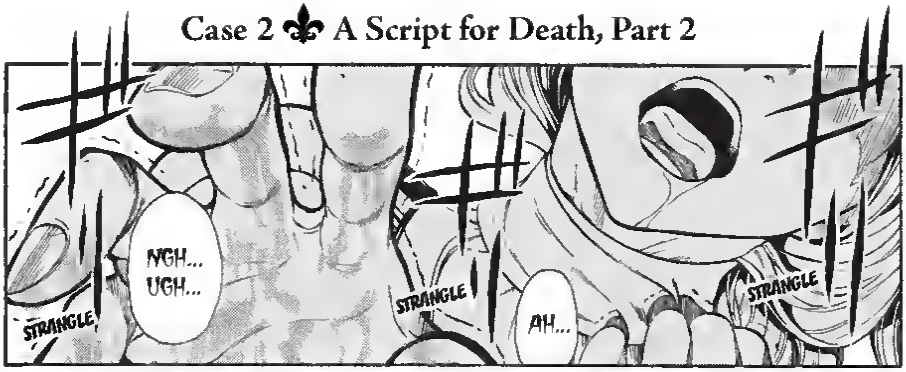
NGH...
UGH...
STRANGLE
STRANGLE
AH...
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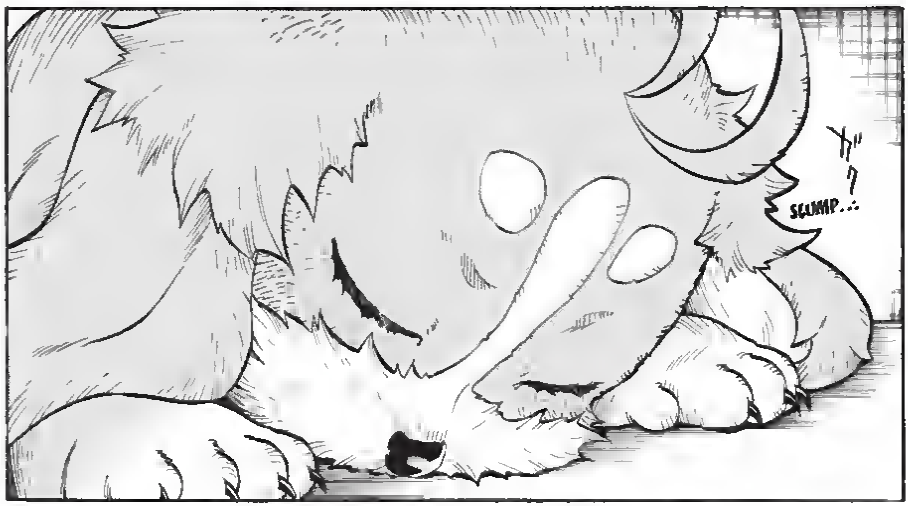
BAM
Hikaru Akaboshi: The Chivalrous Detective
SHERLOCK BONES

Miss Risa! What happened?!
?!
Good! It's open!!
KACHAK

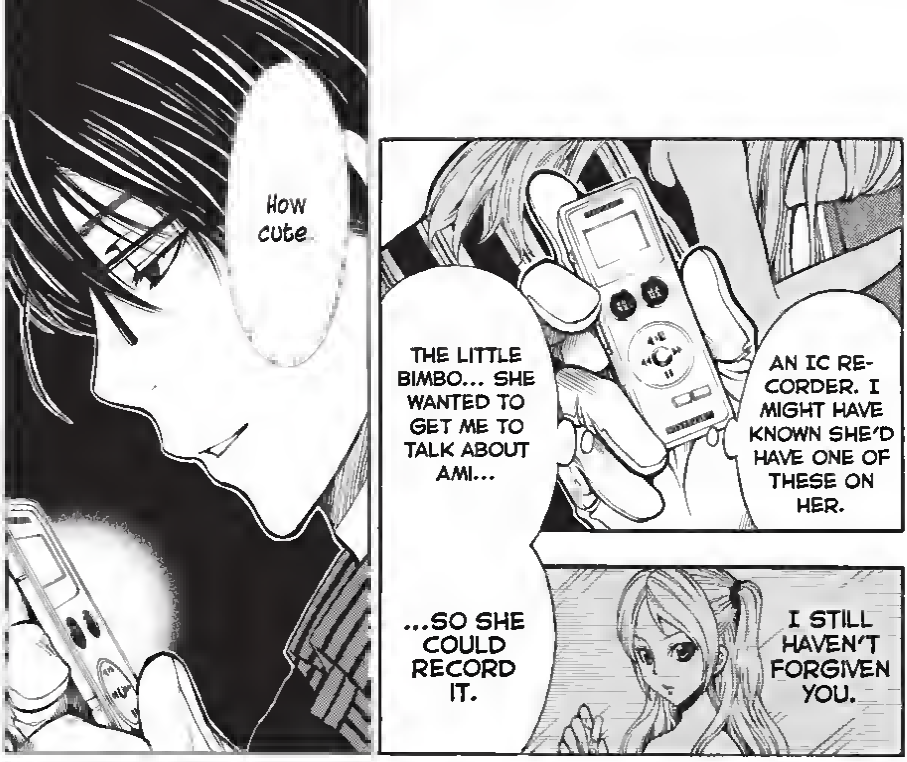
Miss Risa!!
ARF
ARF
ARF
SCAMPER
!
I'M so sorry to tell you, but your master is no longer with us.
What? A dog? Heh...
...That hurts.
GRIT...
Damn you!!
CHOMP

BAM!
Yip!!
FLING
Damn dog!!

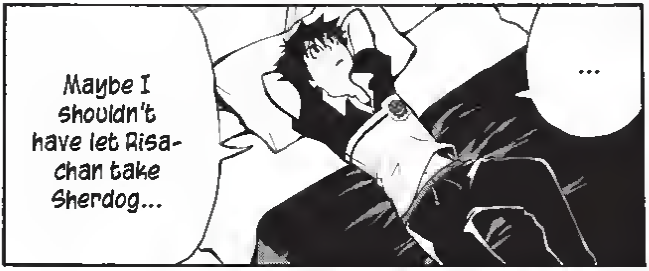
SWOOSH
...beat him... to the ground...
I could easily...
N...no... If only I were human...


SLUMP...

Now.
...
RUMMAGE
!
Ugh... What a filthy mess...
She got cocoa on my script.


How cute.
AN IC RECORDER. I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN SHE'D HAVE ONE OF THESE ON HER.
THE LITTLE BIMBO... SHE WANTED TO GET ME TO TALK ABOUT AMI...
I STILL HAVEN'T FORGIVEN YOU.
...SO SHE COULD RECORD IT.

I don't have much time...
...to cover my tracks.


Maybe I shouldn't have let Risa-chan take Sherdog...
...

I mean...on the inside, he's Sherlock Holmes, right?
And that means he's a grown man.
SHLEP
SHLEP
HUGGA
HUGGA
Don't Mind if I do!♡
DRAIN
They're making a lot of noise next door...
M...Miki. What... brings you here?
...
Takeru, it's the Middle of the night! What are you shouting about?
I can't let that happen!!
AAAHHH!

THAT'S SHERDOG'S BARK!!
That voice... Is that you, Watson?!
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF
The door is unlocked! Come in here, quickly!!

But I'm hearing a dog barking...
It's supposed to be Risa-chan's room.
ARF... ARF...
Huh...?

You can't just go—
BAM

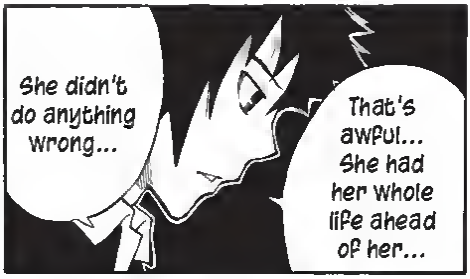
H...hey! Takeru?!
GRAB

Uwaaaah!
Risa-chan!!
Kyaaaaaaa!!

Uh...right!
PATTER PATTER
STAGGER...
Go to the lobby and get help!
...
M...Miki don't look!
What... what happened?
Sher-dog...
...
SHUT
Murder... as you can clearly see.
I was shut up in the bathroom. When I made it out...it was too late.
...Wait. That means... you know who killed her.
Yes, I saw him clear as day.
Yes, thank-fully...
You did? Are you okay?
But I did bite him as hard as I could...
By heavens, this is the greatest regret of the renowned Sherlock Holmes!

Th...the good-looking actor? But he seemed so nice.
You must never judge people by their appearances, Watson.
STAGGER...
Wha—?!
It was Yūji Kuma-kawa!
He must have been planning the murder before he ever entered the room.
...He was wearing gloves.
Watson.
...
FWAH...
Now, she will never smile again.
...
...Such a pity
She was a nice young woman...who cared very deeply about her friend.
She had her fiery moments...but her smile was genuine...
Cover her face.
Sherdog...

She wasn't ready to go.
Yes... it is cruel...


She didn't do anything wrong...
That's awful... She had her whole life ahead of her...

The great detective Sherlock Holmes saw his crime!
Leave it to me! The witness you need is right before you!
And that will be his undoing!

We'll find some proof.
He'll pay...
You won't get away with this...Yūji Kumakawa!!

Y-yes, sir!!
Hey, I'm the owner here!
HURRY UP!
DASH
Don't leave any finger-prints!!
Now's our chance to look for clues!

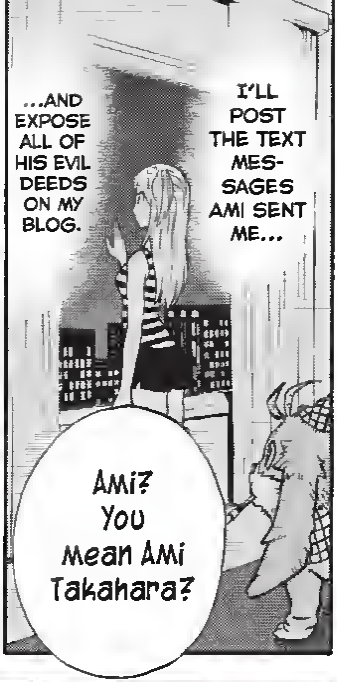
SLUMP
Therein lies the problem...
...But you're a dog.

ARF!
...is inside the waste basket!!
The first place to look, Watson...
You got it!
ZSH
Yes... Now that you mention it, she told me as much.
Yikes!
Whoa... she was being stalked, Sherdog!
Read the letter.
RUSTLE
Tokyo XXX
Kaoru Talent Management
Risa Kawai-sama
It's a bunch of letters... looks like fan mail.
...Yes, but...
CLICK
She told you about it?
I WISH THEY'D ARREST THE STALKER, TOO...
HE'S BEEN SENDING ME A LOT MORE LETTERS RECENTLY IT'S GETTING SCARY
...
What next, Sherdog?
...

Her cell phone.
Next...there, beside her.
When she took me...
...into the bathroom...
Huh? Why?
Because, Watson.
It was still charging!
...I saw the phone on the counter.

...it's beside her. That means...
But now...
I hate to invade the lady's privacy...but let's have a look at her call history.
Exactly.
He must have had a reason.
Y... yeah...
...and moved it here?
Kumakawa deliberately unplugged it...
HER SLIME-BAG OF A BOYFRIEND BETRAYED HER.
MY VERY BEST FRIEND WAS IN SHOW BUSINESS, TOO. SHE KILLED HERSELF LAST MONTH.
But I remember her saying...
I'm not finding anything important...
HMM...
I see... And texts?
I'm finding a lot of names and numbers, but I can't make heads or tails of it.

AMI TAKAHARA
Huh? How do you know?
I'm pretty sure she's the new idol that killed herself a month ago.
She was getting really popular, too.
FERRY FAUPS
Ami Takahara
Where do you wanna go today?


...AND EXPOSE ALL OF HIS EVIL DEEDS ON MY BLOG.
I'LL POST THE TEXT MES-SAGES AMI SENT ME...
Ami? You Mean Ami Takahara?

He killed Risa-chan... just to keep her quiet?!
...So he wanted to hide the Pact...that he's why she committed suicide.

That's it...the Motive!

I looked through everything, but I didn't find any incriminating texts.
I knew it... He must have read them and deleted any that mentioned him.
If I were the criminal, I would have left the phone in the same place.
We don't have all the facts.
It may not be anything so trivial.
...
Huh?
Huh?
That's the key, Watson.
But wouldn't it be a lot easier to just take it with him?
...would bring those text messages out into public view.
In other words, he must have assumed that a police investigation...
Any text messages on the phone may still be in her carrier's database.
Surely you can deduce his reasoning?
And if that is the case, then why would the killer deliberately leave the phone where the police are sure to find it?

The police would suspect it had something to do with the murder, and then they'd investigate everything about it!!
Right! If the phone had gone missing...
GASP!
...he left it where it could easily be found!
Then, as if the phone was of no concern to him at all...
Quite so, Watson!
So instead, he erased the data relating to himself.
We shall have to proceed with caution.
Indeed...
SHUDDER
And he's clever... This is gonna be tricky!!
...Man, he's got guts.

But there's no card in here for some reason.
It'd be great if she had the texts backed up on a memory card or something.
!!
So how do we get them to investigate the phone?!
I can't just tell them, "My dog saw it!"
Argh.
...
Even with the texts deleted, the police could find something if they just knew where to look.
...
Oh, it's like...
Memory card? What is a memory card?
GRRR...
!
Look at that, Watson.
KACHAK
Takeru!
GASP
And one of her friends...
I brought one of the hotel staff!

...
HOO
Yūji Kumakawa! The criminal returns to the scene!!